



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6909

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***AN ACT CONCERNING THE LONG-TERM CARE PLANNING
COMMITTEE.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 17b-337 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (a) There shall be established a Long-Term Care Planning
4 Committee for the purpose of exchanging information on long-term
5 care issues, coordinating policy development and establishing a long-
6 term care plan for [elderly] all persons in need of long-term care. Such
7 plan shall integrate the three components of a long-term care system
8 including home and community-based services, supportive housing
9 arrangements and nursing facilities. Such plan shall include: (1) A
10 vision and mission statement for a long-term care system; (2) the
11 current number of [elderly] persons receiving services; (3)
12 demographic data concerning [elderly] such persons by service type;
13 (4) the current aggregate cost of such system of services; (5) forecasts of
14 future demand for services; (6) the type of services available and the
15 amount of funds necessary to meet the demand; (7) projected costs for
16 programs associated with such system; (8) strategies to promote the
17 partnership for long-term care program; (9) resources necessary to
18 accomplish goals for the future; (10) funding sources available; and
19 (11) the number and types of providers needed to deliver services. The
20 plan shall address how changes in one component of such long-term
21 care system impact other components of such system.

22 (b) The Long-Term Care Planning Committee shall, within available
23 appropriations, study issues relative to long-term care including, but
24 not limited to, the case-mix system of Medicaid reimbursement,
25 community-based service options, access to long-term care and
26 geriatric psychiatric services. Such committee shall evaluate issues
27 relative to long-term care in light of the United States Supreme Court
28 decision requiring states to place persons with disabilities in
29 community settings rather than in institutions when such placement is
30 appropriate, the transfer to a less restrictive setting is not opposed by
31 such persons and such placement can be reasonably accommodated.

32 (c) The Long-Term Care Planning Committee shall consist of: (1)
33 The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing and select
34 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
35 relating to human services, public health, elderly services and
36 long-term care; (2) the Commissioner of Social Services, or the
37 commissioner's designee; (3) one member of the Office of Policy and
38 Management appointed by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
39 Management; (4) one member from the Department of Social Services
40 appointed by the Commissioner of Social Services; (5) one member
41 from the Department of Public Health appointed by the Commissioner
42 of Public Health; (6) one member from the Department of Economic
43 and Community Development appointed by the Commissioner of
44 Economic and Community Development; (7) one member from the
45 Office of Health Care Access appointed by the Commissioner of
46 Health Care Access; (8) one member from the Department of Mental
47 Retardation appointed by the Commissioner of Mental Retardation;
48 (9) one member from the Department of Mental Health and Addiction
49 Services appointed by the Commissioner of Mental Health and
50 Addiction Services; [and] (10) one member from the Department of
51 Transportation appointed by the Commissioner of Transportation; (11)
52 one member from the Department of Children and Families appointed
53 by the Commissioner of Children and Families; and (12) the executive
54 director of the Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with
55 Disabilities or the executive director's designee. The committee shall
56 convene no later than ninety days after June 4, 1998. Any vacancy shall

57 be filled by the appointing authority. The chairperson shall be elected
 58 from among the members of the committee. The committee shall seek
 59 the advice and participation of any person, organization or state or
 60 federal agency it deems necessary to carry out the provisions of this
 61 section.

62 (d) Not later than January 1, 1999, and [biennially] every three years
 63 thereafter, the Long-Term Care Planning Committee shall submit a
 64 long-term care plan pursuant to subsection (a) of this section to the
 65 joint standing and select committees of the General Assembly having
 66 cognizance of matters relating to human services, public health, elderly
 67 services and long-term care, in accordance with the provisions of
 68 section 11-4a, and such plan shall serve as a guide for the actions of
 69 state agencies in developing and modifying programs that serve
 70 persons in need of long-term care.

71 (e) Any state agency, when developing or modifying any program
 72 that, in whole or in part, provides assistance or support to persons
 73 with long-term care needs, shall, to the maximum extent feasible,
 74 include provisions that support care-giving provided by family
 75 members and other informal caregivers and promote consumer-
 76 directed care.

77 Sec. 2. The sum of ____ dollars is appropriated, from the General
 78 Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, to the Office of Policy
 79 and Management in order to continue the work of the Long-Term Care
 80 Planning Committee that has on-going responsibilities for
 81 development, monitoring and follow-up of long-term care issues.

82 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

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